

March 13, 2019

Public Service Commission of SC  
Regarding the Duke Energy proposed price hike  
101 Executive Center Dr. Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210


To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this to hopefully influence your decision to not accept the Duke Energy proposed 12% hike. I am so worried about the possible price hike that your department is going to decide on soon. I am a retired widow that lives from month to month off my social security check. I am so careful with my use of power – in every way. In the winter I keep my thermostat on 62 degrees, in the summer, it's at 78 degrees so that I can afford to pay Duke Energy each month. Now with the proposed hike, I don't know what I will do, probably be colder in the winter and hotter in the summer. I've spoken to many friends and neighbors and we are all very concerned.

I realize that Duke paid a lot out recently due to weather related problems, but if we go up 12% (or \$28 a month) whatever it is, that hike is forever for us. I imagine the CEO's of Duke Energy will make money on the deal also, so please take that into consideration.

I implore you - "please don't give Duke Energy the full hike that they are proposing". It will be a stranglehold on many of their poorer users, which includes me - and that just isn't fair! Thanks for reading this and your consideration.

Very sincerely,



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